

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Senator Moore of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to Night Hunting for Wild Animals.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 12, § 1901, sub-§ 15, repealed and replaced. Subsection 15 of section 1901 of Title 12 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 3 of chapter 404 of the public laws of 1967, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

15. Sunrise and sunset. The time of sunrise and sunset shall be determined by reference to such times as computed and established for Augusta, Maine by the Nautical Almanac Office of the United States Naval Observatory, converted to the legal standard of time in force in this State on that day.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 12, § 2455, amended. The first paragraph as amended, and the 2nd paragraph of section 2455 of Title 12 of the Revised Statutes, are repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

It shall be unlawful to hunt wild birds, including migratory game birds, and wild animals in this State from sunset to $\frac{1}{2}$ hour before sunrise of the following morning, except skunks and raccoons, as provided in section 2358. For the purpose of this section, the time shall be that which is recognized as legal in the State of Maine.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to further protect human beings from being accidentally shot by hunters. It also more definitely defines sunrise and sunset.